

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on 21st July 2026 at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton

In attendance: Cllrs John Webb (Chair), Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, Jonathan Murnane, and Sarah Ibister, the Parish Clerk (V.Voysey) and 2 members of the public

18.26 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

19.26 Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr Anne Banks

20.26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time

21.26 Public Forum

A resident expressed his concern about a plot of land that is overgrown with scrub trees, ivy, and other climbing plants. In the past week, trees have fallen from this area into a private garden and onto Church Lane. Trees might also have fallen into a neighbouring field. The Parish Clerk said she would contact the Trees Officer at Shropshire Council about this matter. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said he thought he may know who is the owner of the land and would approach them on about it.

The Parish Clerk noted that a resident had attended the Annual Parish Meeting and had expressed concern about households with postcodes in Shropshire no longer being able to use Telford and Wrekin recycling centres even if this is the nearest option. Stuart Anderson M.P had been contacted about this matter, and his office had replied twice with updates on the action he is taken to try and find a sensible resolution.

A member of the public noted the progress being made by the PCC and FOSCRAG regarding proposals to repurpose church space. Ideas are being put forwards including a kitchen area and repurposing the vestry to be a meeting space.

22.26 Shropshire Councillor's Report

The Shropshire Councillor for Shifnal Rural, Cllr Elizabeth Barker, sent in an apology prior to the meeting. She has offered to provide any information or updates on any matters that the Parish Council may wish for an answer on.

23.26 Minutes

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 as a true record

24.26 Clerk's Report

- i) Shropshire Local Plan Consultation exercise: Shropshire Council has conducted a survey on the first stage of the local plan, a scoping exercise on how to decide which sites to include on the final plan.
- ii) Correspondence: the Parish Council's insurers have sent a quote of £214 for the insurance policy due to be renewed on 12th September. This will need a requote as the precept is now over £5K. It was agreed to decide this online and ratify it at the next Parish Council meeting at the end of September.

25.26 Finance

- i) It was resolved to approve and note the following payments:-

Clerk - £14.40 travel expenses for July
Parochial Church Council - £40 for rent (July)
Lloyds Bank - £4.25 pcm fees –August and September (automatic payment)
Riverwood - £120 – Invoice 35 for May (paid by BACS)
Riverwood - £120 – Invoice 36 for June (paid by BACS)
- ii) It was resolved to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of June 2026
- iii) It was resolved to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of June 2026

26.26 Planning

The following were noted with no comment to file:

- i) 26/02072/TPO Ryton Cottage, 6 Ryton
Works to trees (See Report) within Ryton Conservation Area
- ii) 26/02608/TCA: 4 Ryton Park, Ryton, Shifnal
Proposal: Reduce height by approx. 2.5m, reduce lateral spread by 1.5m, crown lift by approx. 0.5m and reduce or remove branch of 1no Yew & height reduce by 2.5m, reduce lateral growth by 1-1.2m and crown lift by approx. 0.75m 1no Holly within Ryton Conservation Area

27.26 Highways

- i) The following road closure was noted:

Temporary road closure: Grindle Road junction Shifnal
17th August 2026 to 19th August 2026
Purpose: Road closure (STW) Small Hydrant install
Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water

ii) Other Highways matters:

The three potholes on Havenhills Road are getting larger, Cllr Jonathan Murnane said he would be reporting them using Fix My Street.

28.26 Environment

i) Report of overgrown land: the request from a resident that the Parish Council take action regarding an area of waste land in Ryton was covered in the public session

ii) Other environment matters:

The Climate Action Group will meet at 7pm at Beckbury Village Hall on 23rd July.

A food festival will be held in Beckbury on 3rd October between 11am and 4pm.

Repair of the noticeboards is scheduled to go ahead in the 1st week of August.

29.26 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29th September 26, at 7pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton